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SUBJECT: GOP RELATIONS WITH ROK

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1. DURING RECENT BHUTTO VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ROKG EMBASSY BELATEDLY REQUESTED DEPT TO RAISE WITH PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY QUESTION OF GOP-ROK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHILE DEPT WAS WILLING TO RAISE MATTER WITH BHUTTO PARTY, THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY IN SHORT TIME BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2. FROM PAST APPROACHES TO GOP ON THIS SUBJECT, WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF STRONG DISINCLINATION ON PART OF GOP TO ALTER PRESENT SITUATION BY RAISING LEVEL OF RELATIONS WITH ROK. NEVERTHELESS, DEPT BELIEVES OUR VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF GOP TREATING BOTH KOREAS IN EVEN-HANDED FASHION SHOULD AGAIN BE PRESENTED. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOP.

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3. IN APPROACH, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT USG CONTINUES TO HOPE GOP WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROK, WHICH REMAINS KEENLY INTERESTED IN SUCH A STEP. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROK WOULD BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH

GOP POLICY TO ADOPT EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO DECIDED STATES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF EARLIER DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA. KISSINGER

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